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SUPPORT OF BROOKLYN DIOCESE CLAIMED BY FRONTISTS

Would Back "To the End" All of 17 Arrested by FBI

The Brooklyn diocese of the Catholic Church will back John F. Cassidy and all the others of the seventeen Christian Fronters now under arrest on charges of plotting an armed revolt against the United States Government, according to the claim publicly advanced by certain Fronters remaining at large. At the meeting of the Christian Front just held in one of the rooms of Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y., Albert Gunnison, a prominent Fronter, delivered a speech in which he predicted that the seventeen under arrest would be freed, and said that "the Brooklyn diocese was behind Cassidy and his men and would support them to the end." This statement brought wild cheering from the audience, consisting of some 125 persons, jamming the small place.

Rapprochement with Mobilizers

Gunnison, who is said to be related to Cassidy, also came out that evening for a speedy reconciliation with the Christian Mobilizers headed by Joseph E. McWilliams and intimately cooperating with the Nazi German-American Bund. In the past Gunnison has often spoken at Christian Front meetings on Dyckman Street and in the Bronx, everywhere criticizing McWilliams and the Mobilizers for their open calls to violence. At this latest meeting in Brooklyn he and other Fronters announced the reversal of the Front's stand on the issue of open violence. From now on, Gunnison and a few other speakers said, they were in complete favor of the methods advocated by McWilliams. (For the officially "moderate" and "subtle" stand of Cassidy and the Front as against the openly "radical" methods of McWilliams and the Mobilizers, see The Hour for November 4, 1939, Pages 1 and 2.)

McWilliams Re-Embraced by the Front -- Plans Cross-Country Tour

The first practical evidence of reconciliation between the Mobilizers and the Front was seen at the Front's meeting at Ebling's Casino in the Bronx last Sunday evening. A number of Mobilizers headed by McWilliams marched in from their own meeting at the German-American Athletic Club in Yorkville, and were warmly welcomed by the Christian

Fronters from the platform. A certain coolness was, however, soon to reappear when McWilliams was denied the use of the very same platform. No open break has resulted so far.

As the consequence of the arrest of Brooklyn's 17, the fascists claim return of some former members into the ranks of both the Fronters and the Mobilizers. But while some men and women are frankly incensed over the arrests and want to intensify the fight against democracy, others are known to be in fear and panic, withdrawing their membership and hiding from their former fellow-fascists. McWilliams himself is quite pleased with the turn of the events, and is roaring for more and franker action. To a few associates he has divulged plans for a cross-country tour "to arouse the people of the United States." He wants to charter a large bus, into which he would load bodyguards and speakers. A large speaker's platform would be built at the rear of the bus for the use of Fuehrer McWilliams and his buddies.

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CLAN'S IMPERIAL WIZARD TO TOUR EAST

Ground for Colescott's Coming Prepared by Night Rides and Cross Burnings

In the course of the next week Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, J. A. Colescott, will begin visiting the Eastern part of the United States, The Hour is informed. His purpose is personal supervision of the Klan's present revival in the Eastern states. In preparation for Colescott's tour Eastern Klans have been conducting a series of night rides and burnings in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

Several days back a reporter for The Hour participated in one of these night rides of the Klan involving a caravan of cars with covered license plates. It was a 20-mile ride through the mountains of New Jersey, with torches burning and Klan flags flying in the stiff wintry wind. At the ride's end, crosses 60 feet high were burned from the top of Open Mountain outside Midvale, New Jersey.

An interview was granted to our reporter by Grand Wizard of New Jersey, "the Rev. A. D. Bates." The Hour learned from other sources that "Bates" is in reality a Reverend Young of Jersey City. During the interview, "Bates"-Young told our reporter that in the past three months the Klan has re-registered 35,000 members. With regard to the situation in New York he said: "It's a lie that the Klan isn't active in New York. They don't hold public rallies and don't ever wear hoods and gowns out there, but they're active just the same. A very prominent New York official is the Klan's head in that state. He was at our main Konvention this year. You'd be surprised if you knew his name." Refusing to amplify this statement, "Bates" added: "Our men in New York concentrate on intelligence work."

The Klan's activities are still manifested largely by its attacks on the Catholic church. The program also includes an elaborate anti-alien

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campaign. All of the 70-odd bills aimed at the foreign-born, and now pending in Congress, have the full active support of the Klan. Under-cover pressure is being put by the Klan in the South and East upon government officials, trying to force them to come out in favor of this legislation.

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BOAKE CARTER PRAISES FASCIST GENERAL MOSELEY

Defining the fascist Major-General George Van Horn Moseley as "an earnest experienced officer" who "spent his time off duty studying the effects of disease upon the people of America," Boake Carter devotes his entire newspaper column of a recent date to the praise of his hero. A most astonishing phrase occurs toward the end of the column: "For humanitarian reasons alone, for their protection as refugees as well as Americans, he (Moseley) suggested they (refugees) be sterilized." Boake Carter then waxes indignant because Moseley has been denounced not only as a militarist and fascist but also as a Nazi, only "because he spoke bluntly." He protests the attitude of Moseley's opponents "which caused the army high command to clamp a gag on him as a reserve officer," and closes his column with the sneer: "That's democracy."

Boake Carter's column was promptly reprinted as an introduction to Moseley's race-hating speeches and letters in a pamphlet entitled "Major-General George Van Horn Moseley, American Patriot," compiled by N. W. Rogers, and published by the Nationalist Press Association under the date of 1940. The compiler is the same Judge N. W. Rogers, of Tompkins Corners, New York, who has had his various anti-Semitic and anti-democratic broadsides and pamphlets published by the Concord Press of Mount Vernon, Washington. It is also the Judge N. W. Rogers who took part in the meeting of 25 prominent pro-fascists of this country on the evening of December 20, 1939, at the Murray Hill Hotel in New York, where plans for work during 1940 were discussed (see The Hour for January 13). Rogers addressed the assemblage with a plea to spread more of reactionary literature in the country, "to confuse the enemy," as he put it.

Support to, and use of, Boake Carter's writings has also been noticed in the circles of the Christian Front and the Christian Mobilizers. In the list of speakers advertised for "Great Pro-American Mass Meeting" at Carnegie Hall in New York for May 24, 1939, arranged "with the cooperation of the Christian Front and twelve other Patriotic Organizations," Carter was mentioned at the top. He was listed as follows: "Boake Carter, Radio's Fearless News Editor, on the timely subject 'Free Speech and the News.'" Among other speakers "Dynamic Young Orator J. E. McWilliams" of the Christian Mobilizers was listed, while "Dynamic, Capable Borough President of Queens, George U. Harvey" was announced as the presiding officer of the meeting.

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FASCIST VONSIATSKY AND HIS MEN MOVE TO THE SOUTHWEST

Establish Contact with Aircraft Factory in California
-- Arrests of Christian Fronters Bring to Mind Vonsiatsky's Former Rank in National Guard

The Hour learns that "Count" Anastase Vonsiatsky of Connecticut and at least two of his Russian fascist associates have transferred the center of their activities from New England to the Southwest. His nephew Andrew Mamedov, son of his henchman, Colonel Lev Beck Mamedov, is working in the Republic Aircraft Factory in Berkeley, California. Donat Kunle, Vonsiatsky's secretary and editor of the Fascist (Vonsiatsky's Russian-language monthly), is reported to be also in California, in close contact with Andrew Mamedov.

Vonsiatsky himself is not at his usual headquarters on his wife's estate in Thompson, Conn., and there is no one around that place to tell where he has gone. The general understanding in town is, however, that he and Mrs. Marion Ream Stephens Vonsiatsky "have gone to Arizona for the winter." Their departure is connected here with the revelations by The Hour of Vonsiatsky's and Kunle's various activities, among others their joint activities with the Nazi Bund fuehrer Fritz Kuhn, and Vonsiatsky's participation in killings before coming to this country and becoming an American citizen. The continued investigation of Vonsiatsky's actions and contacts by several governmental agencies is said to have influenced his decision to stay away from New England. Donat Kunle was especially alarmed by the arrest and conviction of Fritz Kuhn, and later by the plea of guilty made by the Russian-born Bundster James Wheeler-Hill. Inquiries at the Vonsiatsky manor house in Thompson brought forth replies that Kunle had severed his connection with sundry fascist groups because of the possibility of an impending investigation into his particular activities.

Boasted in Europe of his National Guard Connection

The recent arrest of 17 Christian Fronters in Brooklyn, N. Y., is expected further to discourage Vonsiatsky & Co. from any thought of an early return to the East. There are certain weighty considerations which seem to attract Vonsiatsky and Kunle to the Southwest, close to their friend Andrew Mamedov and his job with the aircraft factory. Like some of the Christian Fronters now under arrest, Vonsiatsky and his Russian fascists have been fond of associating themselves with the armed forces of this country. Vonsiatsky himself was a lieutenant in the Chemical Division of the National Guard. From July 16, 1929, to December 31, 1930, at the self-acknowledged cost of 57,500 French francs, Vonsiatsky subsidized a Russian monarchist fortnightly in Paris, Chasovoy (Sentinel), subtitled "the organ of liaison of the Russian military abroad." In one of its 1930 issues Vonsiatsky, as a member of the editorial board, proudly caused to be printed a news-item to the effect that "according to the order of the President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, of March 17, 1930, A. A. Vonsiatsky is entered as a lieutenant into the Officers' Corps of Separate Reserve of the American Army."

Early in 1934, disapproving of President Roosevelt's New Deal and recognition of the Soviet government, Vonsiatsky resigned from the

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National Guard. According to his own boast, in September of 1934 he supplied the Connecticut state police with tear-gas bombs to be used against textile strikers. But in the late summer and early fall of 1939 it was the very same state police that began an investigation of an arsenal reported to be illegally assembled and kept at Vonsiatsky's estate.

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ALMAZAN CHARGED WITH AIDING FASCIST UPRISING IN MEXICO

Senator Davilla Links Candidate to U. S. Arms Smugglers

Material evidence linking General Almazan, candidate for the Mexican presidency at the July, 1940, elections, to preparations for a fascist uprising, was presented to the standing committee of the Mexican Congress by Senator José María Davilla at a recent session. The proof also showed that the Almazan organization had close ties to certain groups in the United States. Senator Davilla's sensational charges were the outcome of a comprehensive investigation of the late sanguinary shootings in the states of Sonora and Guanajuato.

Well-armed bands, backed by large reserves, and intimately informed about the movements of federal troops sent to disarm them, terrorized inhabitants of many villages. Within a comparatively short period of time several hundred Indian peasants were slain by these marauders. Senator Davilla's data revealed that the Almazan organization had provided arms and leaders for the bandits. Davilla declared that the arms had been smuggled from the North into Mexico through the tiny Pacific port of Zihautanejo. The smugglers' organization, aided by foreign reactionary elements, had supplied arms for Almazan partisans in nearly all the Mexican states. These people only waited for a signal from the presidential candidate, concluded Senator Davilla.

These revelations confirm earlier reports of The Hour (see issues for September 9, 23 and 30) about Almazan's fascist and Nazi connections, which Almazan tried to deny. The Hour's Mexican correspondent reports that while Almazan may have switched the particular nationality of his foreign backers, he has not commented publicly yet on Senator Davilla's allegations before the Mexican Congressional Committee.

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CANDIDATE FOR U. S. CONGRESS CHUMS WITH BUND

Theodore Katzmann, reported as candidate in the Second Congressional District in Chicago, Ill., with no mention of his party affiliation, spoke on January 10 to the Chicago unit of the Nazi Bund. His speech, entitled "Rebuilding our Community Life," was rabidly anti-Semitic. On the same platform was Wilbur Keegan, the Bund's attorney.

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